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18 STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST SEMESTER

Sophomore Class, with Seven of Its Number Named, Leads List; Honor Roll for Past Six Weeks Also Announced.

Eighteen students of Merkel High school made the honor roll each of the three six-week periods for the first semester of the present session.

To be on this honor roll these students have for every period met the following requirements: have been neither tardy nor absent, made 90 or more in deportment, not below 75 on any one subject and a general average of 90 or more.

The list of students shows that the Sophomores ranked first with seven members on the roll for the semester; next came the Seniors with five, and the eighth and ninth grades each had three making these requirements for the semester.

On the honor roll for each of the three six-week periods of the first semester of 1936-37 were:

Eighth grade—Don Wood, Mildred McLean, Mary Pruitt.

Ninth grade—Kenneth Neill, Billy Wood, Mary Jo Garland, Mary Jo Russell, Edith Butman, Mattie Reynolds, Faye Walker.

Tenth grade—Jannell Black, Fredia Farmer, Mildred Humphrey.

Eleventh grade—Murphy Dye, Janet Berry, Nadine Clack, Jane Ferguson, Margie Melton.

SIX-WEEKS HONOR ROLL.

One hundred forty-one students of the Merkel schools made the honor roll for the third six-week period just ending. Billy Wood, a Junior, led the High school with an average of 95 per cent.

The Senior class led with the greatest per cent of their number making the roll. Seniors had 20 per cent on the roll; Juniors, 16 per cent; Sophomores, 19 per cent, and Freshmen, 8 per cent.

Of the one hundred forty-one on the roll, forty-one were from High school and an even one hundred from Grammar school.

The complete list of students on the roll for the third six weeks period follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

Jane Tombs, 94; Peggy Joyce Dye, 94; Patricia Douglas, 94; Bobby Glenn Gilbert, 94; Joyce Robinson, 93; John English, 93; Frank Duran, 93; Mattie Lou Bicknell, 92; Tommie Allday, 90.

First Grade, Miss Smith.

Billy Nash, 96; Waymon Lepard, 95; Mary Alice Brewer, 95; Jimmy Walker, 94; Marvin Jones, 94; Lon McDonald, 93; Wayne Haynes, 92; Flossie T. London, 92; Ina Melton, 92.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.

Betty Jean Gilbert, 97; Barbara Ann Brown, 96; Lora Faye Brewer, 96; Mary Ruth Hutchison, 96; Geraldine Jinkens, 96; George Anne Groene, 96; Minor Burns, Jr., 94; Louis Contrevas, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Creighton.

Jackie Boaz Smith, 97; Glenn Tombs, 94.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

John Robert Walker, 97; Geraldine Williams, 97; Rachel Miller, 96; Dorothy Nell Lee, 94; Vergil Sears, 94; Gwendolyn Vaughn, 94; Foy Westenhofer, 94; Elsie Smith, 91; (Continued on Page Two)

Honor Students Are Lions Club Guests

Honor students from the four High School grades were guests of the Lions club at Tuesday's luncheon. The group, with the grade and average of each member, included the following: Sylvan Mellinger, 11th, with an average of 94; Billy Wood, 9th, average 95; Jannell Black, 10th, average 94, and Mildred McLean, 8th, average 94.

Arthur Emory of Abilene, connected with the Goodyear agency, was also a guest of the club.

Reporting on the trip to Lions quarterly convention at Sweetwater Joe P. Self, as spokesman, cited the fact that Merkel with a total of 25 had the largest visiting delegation. He also saliently referred to Sweetwater's diligent efforts in road building with that city as a central point.

Billy Wood, visiting student, took occasion to thank both the Lions club as a body and the school board for their interest and support in the movement to organize a band here.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Three men held up County Treasurer E. J. Walton and Deputy Sheriff Fred Ohlert at Galveston Monday and escaped with \$4,450 in county funds. Walter and Ohlert, the latter as guard, were on the way from a bank to the court house.

William Preston Austin, 37, Fort Worth book-keeper, was killed instantly early Sunday morning when his automobile crashed into the rear of a parked car. His wife and another couple, en route home from President's birthday ball celebrations, were slightly injured.

Approximately 300 men will be employed on a 10-month paving project on highway 89, Weatherford to Thurbur, work for which will be started during the next two weeks.

E. W. Isom, 26, deputy game warden of Hebron, was shot four times and instantly killed Friday afternoon by Jimmy Ragsdale, narcotic addict and police character, in a Dallas drug store.

The federal treasury department has set Feb. 13 as the date for laying the cornerstone of and dedicating the public health service's \$4,000,000 narcotic farm at Fort Worth.

Elliott Roosevelt of Fort Worth, son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been named by Governor James V. Allred for confirmation as a director of A. & M. college.

Miss Evelyn Menn, 22, of Austin and Dallas, died Thursday of burns received in a gas stove explosion Wednesday at a tourist camp two miles north of Austin.

Postmaster General James A. Farley will visit Waco Mar. 8 to dedicate the new \$500,000 post office there.

Death by a self-inflicted gunshot wound was the verdict entered late Monday by Justice of Peace S. H. Shook of Sweetwater in the fatal shooting of E. P. (Ernie) Perry, Nolan county rancher.

E. R. Hornbeck, abut 40, oil driller of Baird, died Tuesday morning in an Abilene hospital of injuries received Sunday afternoon when his car crashed into the abutment of a culvert east of the Abilene municipal airport.

Tully Garner, of Houston and Uvalde, son of Vice-President and Mrs. John Nance Garner, who was formerly president of the First State bank of Uvalde for 15 years, was elected president of the First National bank of Amarillo.

Workmen demolishing the dancing pavilion of the old Goodnight Park, near Wills Point, found a United States mail sack, the mail in which was post-marked in 1922, beneath the floor.

Eddie Conner, alias Dr. J. A. Pierce, described by the prosecution as an eye treatment racketeer, was under sentence of 10 years' imprisonment by a Williamson county jury which found him guilty of theft. He was accused of taking \$1,500 from an aged couple residing near Georgetown.

Members of the Texas game, fish and oyster commission Tuesday voted 3 to 2 to retain Will Tucker of Austin as executive secretary, over-riding a previous vote to ask his resignation.

A tractor reared and fell backward on Ward Cox, 20, son of Joe Cox, Baylor county commissioner, and inflicted fatal injuries Wednesday.

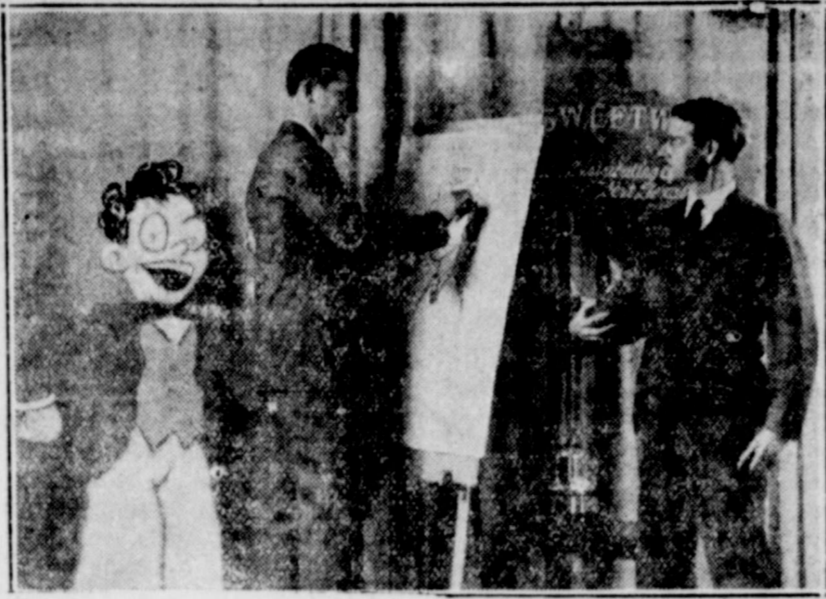
Charles N. Shaver was elected president of the Sam Houston State Teachers college at Huntsville in succession of Dr. H. F. Estill, who will become president emeritus at the end of his term Aug. 31.

Glenn Cude, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Cude of near Valera, was fatally injured early Wednesday morning when a westbound Santa Fe locomotive crashed broadside into the automobile in which he was riding with his parents.

Month of January Almost Rainless

The month of January almost went on record as a zero month for rainfall in this section, but a slow drizzle on the last day, (Sunday), accounted for three-eighths of an inch of moisture, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

SLINGIN' SAM AND ARTIST "SWAP JOBS"



When two famous sons of Sweetwater met recently in the old home town, they temporarily "swapped jobs." Here we see the all-American quarterback of TCU, Slingin' Sam Baugh, sketching Royston Crane, creator of the comic strip character, Wash Tubbs, while the artist holds tightly to the pigskin that rocketed Baugh to fame. The parents of both of these famous West Texans reside in Sweetwater and it was here this picture was taken.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. G. W. TEAFF

Funeral Rites for Wife of Prominent Tye Farmer Set for 2 O'clock Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral rites for Mrs. G. W. Teaff, 43, who died Wednesday morning at her home five miles south of Tye, were to be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the West Side Baptist church in Tye, with Rev. M. M. Griggs of Abilene officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery here. Mrs. Teaff, wife of a prominent Taylor county farmer, had been ill for several months. She was born in Erath county July 20, 1893. In 1907 she moved to Tye and on Dec. 7, 1913, was married to G. W. Teaff. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Her husband and four children, Loucell, Loreita, Nettie Lee and Glenn Teaff, all at home, survive. Her mother, Mrs. J. A. King, Tye, and five brothers, J. C. King, Abilene; Henry and Tom King, Tye, and Luther and Charles King, Fort Worth, are other survivors.

Funeralbearers named are: C. W. Cross, W. O. Perry, Fred Bigham, Theo Kincaid, R. W. Holder, C. C. Reeves.

County Terracing Plan Announced

Leon C. Ransom, assistant county farm agent, will run terrace lines on seven farms this week and next, he announced Wednesday. The schedule follows:

Friday, Feb. 5—Henry Steen place, Bradshaw.

Saturday, Feb. 6—H. K. Farr, Merkel.

Monday, Feb. 8—Bill Brown, Merkel.

Tuesday, Feb. 9—W. L. Barnett, Merkel.

Thursday, Feb. 11—A. M. Hinds, Tye.

Friday, Feb. 12—E. A. Click, Merkel.

Saturday, Feb. 13—Houston Robertson, Merkel.

"This schedule will be followed as closely as possible," Ransom said. "In case of bad weather, the farm missed will be re-scheduled later."

Broom Ball Games Featured at Rink

Broom ball—something by way of novelty—is creating much interest among those who frequent Jowers' skating rink.

In a game Tuesday, Lewis Kyle's group defeated a team captained by Alvin Wozencraft 4 to 2. Members of Kyle's team were: James Hagler, H. W. Higgins, John Keith and Grady Trantam; of Wozencraft's team, W. I. Wozencraft, Bryan Higgins, Fred McEinn and Claude Buster.

Another game will be played Friday night.

Dempsey as Coach.

Coral Gables, Fla., Feb. 4.—Jack Dempsey has accepted an invitation to coach the University of Miami boxing team. He will work with Billy Regan, part-time coach.

Auto Toll Totals 38,500.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Motor vehicle accident deaths reached an all-time record total of 38,500 in 1936, the National Safety council announced, exceeding the nation's previous mark of 37,000 in 1935.

SUDDEN DEATH SHOCKS TOWN

Entire Community Saddened by Tragedy in Which Frank McFarland Takes Own Life.

Coming as a distinct shock to the entire community was the death by suicide at 7:45 Tuesday night of Frank McFarland, 48, well known automobile mechanic and popular in all circles of the city's activities. His death was attributed to dependency. After conducting an inquest, Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb rendered a verdict of death by a self-inflicted bullet wound.

In order to await the arrival of relatives from Tennessee, the funeral was set for 10 o'clock Friday morning, the rites to be held from his home and conducted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery.

A native of Tennessee, Frank Cheatham McFarland had located in Merkel before the World War, in which he enlisted, and after his discharge he returned to Merkel. On Aug. 16, 1919, he was married to Miss Elma Sheppard, who survives him. Other survivors are a son, Frank Cheatham McFarland, Jr.; his mother, Mrs. M. J. McFarland, Medina, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. T. E. Bradbury, Jackson, Tenn., and Miss Jessie McFarland, Medina, Tenn., and two brothers, Bobby McFarland, Medina, Tenn., and Wilkes McFarland of Pennsylvania.

Six Brothers Carry Casket of Rev. D. J. Neill in Final Rites

Six brothers carried the casket of Rev. D. J. Neill, 27, young Baptist minister who died early Friday morning in a Lubbock hospital from explosion injuries, to his last resting place at Hereford, where burial took place at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Rev. Mr. Coe, Baptist pastor, officiated for the rites.

Rev. Mr. Neill, who was a Baptist pastor in the Plainview area, was preparing to bathe Saturday night in the home of his brother, Oran Neill, at Lubbock, where he was visiting, when an accumulation of gas ignited from the fire of a stove in the room. The explosion injured his arms, legs and chest, with results so serious as to cause his death.

First reports, published in the Lubbock paper the morning following the explosion, were used as the basis of the account of the tragedy in The Mail last week. Later it was learned that burns were of a more serious nature. His father, W. C. Neill, remained with him during the entire time of his intense suffering, while all other members of the family accompanied the remains to Hereford for the last rites.

Survivors are his wife, of Plainview; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill, of Merkel; six brothers, Oran, Lubbock, and Thaxton, William, Pat, George W. and Kenneth, of Merkel, and three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Ray, Hamby; Mrs. B. E. Robertson, Hereford, and Miss Edith Neill, student in college at Plainview.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anthony, Sunday, January 31, 1937. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron, Noodle, Tuesday, February 2, 1937.

LOCAL DONATIONS RED CROSS FUND AMOUNT TO \$94.00

Merkel's response to the Red Cross appeal for aid for flood sufferers in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys had netted \$94.00 in donations through the office of The Mail up to noon Thursday.

There is still great need, said officers of the Taylor county chapter to whom Merkel subscriptions are relayed, for suffering is increasing as the deluge from the Ohio valley rolls down the Mississippi.

Donors, in addition to those reported in The Mail last week, follow: Previously reported \$ 7.50 Mrs. G. F. West 25.00 Mrs. Zoe West Warran 5.00 G. L. Baker 1.00 Merkel Home Demonstration club 10.00 Mrs. W. R. Williams 1.00 Miss Vera Walker 1.00 Mrs. Clyde Sears 5.00 C. J. Glover 2.00 C. M. Largent 5.00 J. T. Warren 5.00 Mrs. W. W. Campbell 5.00 Mrs. W. T. Sadler 3.00 Mrs. J. R. Walling 1.00 W. L. Fogat 5.00 Mrs. H. B. Robertson 5.50 Fortnightly Study Club 5.00 Mrs. H. C. Williams 1.00 Joe Riney 1.00 Total \$94.00

Urges Support of Every One in Effort To Clean Up Cemetery

Work of cleaning up Rose Hill cemetery will be resumed Tuesday under the sponsorship of the ladies of the Home Demonstration club and will continue each Tuesday until the grounds are brought into better shape, it was announced this week by Mrs. C. F. Church, president of the club. Every one interested is urged to cooperate in this work, which will be done largely by volunteers, as the club funds are limited.

Industrial Plants Need Of Area, Says Speaker

Need of plants to manufacture and process West Texas raw materials was stressed by Dr. Bradford Knapp, president of the Texas Technological college, Lubbock, who was principal speaker at the annual banquet of the board of city development at Sweetwater Thursday night of last week. The speaker deplored the fact "forty cents of every dollar is lost on our raw materials because we send them away to factories."

Merkel was represented at the banquet by the following business and professional men: Joe P. Self, Yates Brown, Dee Grimes and Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Rembrandt Drawings Stolen.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.—Two pen and ink drawings by Rembrandt, believed about 300 years old, were stolen from the walls of Fogg museum exhibition rooms at Harvard university.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 2, 1917.)

THE MERKEL MAIL CHANGES HANDS.

With this issue the Merkel Mail is under new ownership and management of Mr. Walter Jackson, (no relation to J. G., however,) formerly of Dallas, he having purchased the plant, lock, stock and barrel together with the new typesetting machine installed from Homer L. Easterwood.

Alex Williamson, a merchant of Trent, is spending some days with Dr. Pae in this city, for the benefit of his health.

O. R. Duff moved his place of residence to the house recently vacated by J. D. Gaither, known as the Harris place, on Oak street.

W. E. Baze returned Saturday from Denton where he has been visiting his parents. At present Mr. Baze is confined to his room at the R. A. Ellis residence with a case of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tally Holloway have moved to a rural home one and one-half miles west of town; the former having given up his position in the Star Store Clothing Department will be a farmer boy for a year.

The suffragettes have established

ENTRY LIST FOR 1937 SHOW WELL OVER 300 MARK

Seventh Annual Poultry Show And Auction Sale Gets Under Way; Auction is Special Feature for Friday Night.

Although it was anticipated that the unfavorable weather of the past few days might serve as a deterrent to the number of entries in Merkel's Seventh Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale, which started Wednesday and continues through Saturday, no appreciable difference was noted when Secretary Arl Sharp reported the total number of birds entered as 299, which will swell the number of actual entries well over 300. Last year's figure of 330 entries on opening day established a record.

The Baker rock garage on Front street, under lease to F. E. Church, was selected for housing the show.

Exhibitors include a wide area, from Weatherford and Hillsboro, Stamford, Snyder, Sweetwater, Abilene, Roby, Anson and other points. Judging began Thursday, with J. W. Pritchett of Stamford in charge, and will be completed Friday.

The auction sale is set for 7:30 Friday night, in charge of Bob Mayfield, Byers Petty and Doc Calloway. Supt. R. A. Ellis and Secretary Arl Sharp are being aided by Clifford Eoff and E. H. Cordill, as assistant superintendents, and several other local poultry fanciers.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

L. R. Royals, C. W. Guthrie, E. D. Patterson, Dewel McLean, E. Neff, R. A. Burgess, G. T. Moore, Merkel, W. D. Harris, Roy Mills, John H. Bullock, W. R. Little, Levy Hammond, R. E. Aiken, W. P. Gilbreth, J. F. Ray, G. L. Gregg, R. A. Russell, N. O. Mobley, Geo. W. Murfree, B. S. Hancock, Ortiz Guadalupe, J. L. Smith, A. Griffin, Z. Oswald, Ross Gregg, J. M. Hamilton, G. W. Austin, J. C. Srygley, J. C. Ham, George J. Kempen, Jr., J. F. W. Axe, H. F. Allen, E. B. Atwood, E. E. King, Abilene; J. E. Graham, Lee Newman, W. H. Anders, Tuscola; Ira Grantham, E. W. Whitte, G. F. Hefley, Herman Griffin, T. C. Crofton, Lawn; J. W. Hammond, Odie K. Boswell, J. J. Jowers, Jr., Tye; J. H. Riden, Ovalo; M. E. Gresham, View; J. B. Haire, Trent; W. D. Barford, Goldsboro; Jack Hammonds, Buffalo Gap.

New Crown for Queen.

London, Feb. 4.—A new crown probably will be made for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth on May 12, because of tradition which will permit Queen Mother Mary to retain her crown, called the most beautiful in the world.

headquarters at Austin and are losing no opportunity to impress their ideas upon the law-makers there assembled.

A. C. Rose of the Anchor Mercantile company left last Sunday for the eastern markets.

Mrs. L. R. Cyfert of the Parton Dry Goods company is in the eastern markets placing orders for a choice line of millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grider of Kentucky are visiting their kinfolds, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leach. They came here from El Paso.

Emzy E. Burroughs left Tuesday night for El Paso, where he has a position in the Elite confectionery of that city.

Miss Bess Touchstone, who teaches at Noodle, was a visitor at home Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Wells returned Tuesday night from visiting her daughters in Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ed Burks of Trent visited in Abilene Monday.

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Advertising Rates On Application
All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1c per word.

Fire Destroys Home Of Mrs. Sally Angus

Fire at 4:15 Monday morning caused almost total loss of the home of Mrs. Sally Angus together with contents, the first fire in town for many months.

Fighting a stiff wind, the fireboys prevented the blaze from spreading to adjoining property and saved the garage without damage. Portions of the side walls and east front of the house were also left standing.

Origin of the fire, which apparently started in the southwest corner of the building, is unknown.

Honor Roll

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Billy Joe Jaynes, 90; Zedic Glynn Johnson, 90; Charlie Ortiz, 90; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 90; Betty Lee Reynolds, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Bird. Robbie Barbee, 95; Becky Gaither, 95; Doris Jean Dudley, 94; Billie June Castleberry, 93.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Bonnie Jaynes, 96; Glendell Lang, 95; Ralph Hardy, 93; Benny Kemper, 93; Billy Tom Diltz, 92; Leona Buchanan, 91; Marvin Miller, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan. JoySue Self, 96; Gillah Frances Walker, 95; Billy Joe Toombs, 93; Mary Evelyn Perry, 93; Ikey Turner, 92; Mary Smith, 91.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins. Sue Grimes, 95; Billy Tom Hutcherson, 95; Jack Hester, 94; Lavern Douglas, 92; Floyd Hutcherson, 92; Glenn Barnes, 91; Marie Bland, 90; Hazel Burns, 90; H. J. Burns, 90.

Seventh Grade, Miss Church. Dorothy Nell Groene, 95; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 93; R. V. Clark, 93; Ollie Blanton, 92; Jack Haynes, 92; Franklin Deavers, 91.

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Ninth Grade. Billy Wood, 95; Mary Jo Russell, 94; Fay Walker, 94; Joy Doan, 93; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 92; Mabel Murray, 92; Edith Butman, 92; Archie Farr, 92; Bernice Lewis, 92; Cevene Daniel, 91; Mary Jo Garland, 91; Mattie Reynolds, 91; Wilma McAninch, 91; Mary Love Tipton, 91; Joyce Hayes, 91; Kenneth Neil, 90; Muriel Kelso, 90.

Tenth Grade. Jannell Black, 94; Fredia Farmer, 93; Mildred Humphrey, 92; Pauline Blackaby, 91; O. D. Blair, 91; Pauline Joyner, 91; T. L. Reid, 90.

Eleventh Grade. Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Janet Berry, 92; Jane Ferguson, 92; Nadine Clack, 91; Laverne Hughes, 91; Margie Melton, 91; Billie Donning, 90; Murphy Dye, 90; Doyle Gray, 90; Jack Sublett, 90; Betty Grimes, 90.

Twelfth Grade. Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

Advertising in The Merkel Mail.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met with Mrs. Johnny Cox and had a very interesting meeting. The food demonstrator gave an interesting talk on the food we should eat.

Refreshments of cocoa, with marshmallows and pecan fingers were served to Mesdames W. U. Beene, J. S. Pinkley, Joe Higgins, Vernon Hudson, H. B. Robertson, Bill Hayes, Ollie Higgins, Roy Harrell, T. C. Allen, Misses Celia Hester and Lena Fay Harrell and one new member, Mrs. Carl Bacus.

MRS. GEORGE MOORE ENTERTAINS.

One of the outstanding social affairs of the past week was the bridal shower arranged for Mrs. Jack Davis in the artistic home of Mrs. George Moore. The chosen colors were white and blue throughout all details in the well arranged home, which gave a lovely setting for the occasion.

The hostess introduced the honor guest, after Mrs. W. R. Williams had in a few happy gracious phrases conveyed the wishes of all for the bride's future happiness and presented from a lace-covered table a special package which very soon multiplied into a lovely display of gifts, many from relatives and friends who could not attend.

Mrs. Davis possesses an attractive personality and will make an ideal wife.

Those assisting the hostess in entertaining were: Mesdames A. H. Murphy, Will Campbell, C. M. Wozencraft, Hugh Campbell, W. H. Moore and Miss Oleta Cox. At the tea hour a dainty menu was served.

Guests registering were Mesdames J. R. Barnett, Myrtle Barnett, O. L. Brewer, Grover Blair, W. R. Williams, Dee Moore, George Crow, L. V. Moore, George Moore, Yvonne Moore, Ira Moore, W. A. Campbell, J. R. Lassiter, W. W. Toombs, Cullen Toombs, Gloria Nan Toombs, Algie Daniels, Warren C. Smith, A. H. Murphy, Hugh Campbell, W. H. Moore, C. M. Wozencraft, Bertie Davis, Misses Loretta Cox, Peggy Joyce Toombs and Boyd Moore.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billington, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop, Misses Elsie Bishop, Beatrice and Ruby Cooley and R. T. Bishop attended an entertainment held in Roby Wednesday night of last week sponsored by the Woodmen Circle of that place.

Last week saw the removal of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens and daughter, Francis, to Big Spring, where Mr. Stevens will be employed by an oil concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burks and two sons, Leonard and Wilman, also Mrs. Wilman Burks and three children of Big Spring were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and other relatives.

Mrs. Ed Burks, Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Miss Vera Bright were in Abilene Monday attending to business matters concerning a local organization of which they are a specially appointed committee.

V. E. Vessels and two children of Eastland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels and family.

Elvin Estes returned to his home in Blackwell Wednesday of last week after spending the past five weeks attending his twin brother, Elton, who is convalescing after having been painfully burned some time ago.

Word has been received here of the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rogers in El Paso. Weldon Dale Rogers was born Dec. 11, 1936, and died Jan. 16, 1937, after a few days illness with pneumonia. Burial was made in an El Paso cemetery.

Mr. Rogers, his father, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers, former residents of Trent, but now of Calimesa, Calif. Mrs. Elton Estes of Trent is an aunt of the child.

Gene Rosson of Big Spring was the passing guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. Mattie Rosson is continuing her stay in Big Spring with her son, Sam, and family, after the removal of another son, Tom, and family to Oklahoma City. Mr. Sam Rosson received major surgery in the Big Spring hospital several days ago.

Elbert Rogers departed Thursday for California after receiving a message from his daughters. He will be employed there.

Announcement has been received here by relatives and friends of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mainzer of Mission on Jan. 26. She was named Marjorie Louise and weighs 8 1-2 pounds. Mrs. Mainzer was the former Edythe Nalley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Nalley of Mission.

NEW CLUB PROGRAM PLANNED.

An organization was perfected and plans were made for the year on Wednesday of last week when a group of women of Trent met in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson. This group will be known as the Art Craft club and the meeting time was set for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Plans for doing various group work were discussed about needlework and interior decorating and will be continued throughout the year.

Those present were Mesdames Alsie Carleton, R. B. McRee, Sr., Gene Childs, Louis McRee, Frank Allen, R. L. Reeves, J. P. Roberts, T. H. Williamson, O. L. Reeves, C. T. Beckham, C. C. Stribling and Miss Louise Allen.

SUPPER SERVED BY CIRCLE LADIES.

The supper, sponsored by the Woodmen Circle Grove No. 668, was served in the W. O. W. hall on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Preceding the supper, the following program was rendered: music by the Cowboy band, with Miss Vera Bright playing the piano accompaniment; welcome address, A. C. Terry, Sr., council commander of the local W. O. W.; reading, Billie Joe Billington; vocal solo, Cliffla Jean Estep; duet, Ruby and Beatrice Cooley; musical selection, Miss S. Minor of Roby; piano solo, Mrs. C. R. Rutherford, Abilene; song, Misses Vera Bright and Elsie

Bishop; novelty number, Rev. Alsie Carleton, Bob Taylor, H. R. Poor and Mrs. Carleton; piano solo, Kirby Steadman.

Committee members were: program, Miss Vera Bright, Mrs. A. C. Wash, Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. T. G. Hamner; menu, Mrs. Ed Burks, Mrs. H. B. Kegans, Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mrs. O. L. Bishop, Mrs. Ruby Windland; house and table arrangements, Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Mrs. Odessa Butler, Mrs. Grace Butler.

The Circle realized \$25.00, which will be used toward purchasing a piano.

DORA DOINGS

Well, again we are reminded that death is abroad in the land, since this last week took four of our friends and neighbors from us. E. P. Perry died Tuesday of suicide at his home in Nolan. He leaves a host of bereaved loved ones and friends. Then again Friday when the Heller home in the Cedar Gap community burned, it took Staton Heller, his wife, Mrs. Canova Heller, and J. C. Buchanan, while the Heller baby is in a critical condition. The Hellers had just moved from Nolan Wednesday to make their home there for the coming year. These bereft families have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

A very swift norther accompanied by sleet struck here early Monday, causing the temperature to drop fast for several hours, but it began to calm down in the afternoon.

Rev. Wyatt Hanks of Hamlia visited his mother and other relatives here a few hours Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Drew Clark returned Monday to her home in Clovis, N. M., after being here for the Perry funeral Wednesday.

Among the farmers getting new tractors last week were Walter Hammonds, R. W. Porter and the Rogers brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whiteaker were Abilene visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Magee visited his brother and family in Loraine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove spent the week here with their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Perry, and children.

Bill Phillips and wife were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Whiteaker, who is in the Sweetwater hospital, is reported holding her own very well with double pneumonia.

Others on the sick list are: H. Creene, Don Tyrone and Mrs. Walter Clayton. Albert Elliott is doing jury service in Sweetwater this week.

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MERKEL SCHOOL BAND.

Yes, do not faint. Merkel High is going to have a band! Mr. Crain of A. C. C. has already been employed as director of the band and some sixty boys and girls of High school and Grammar school have already enrolled. Merkel has needed a band for several years. Just imagine the band playing all the school songs and all the school spirit and enthusiasm it will arouse. This band is not just a temporary affair, for the school board members say that they plan to make the band a permanent part of the school. With all the improvements that the Merkel schools have attained in the last few years, who knows what it will have next?

SENIOR NEWS.

Have you heard who seems to be the brains of the Senior class?—Sylvan Mellinger. It seems that every time he ranks first. This time his average was 94. Oh well! Who wants brains?—Might have concussion of the brain, or water on it.

Now for some inside stuff on the Seniors:

Ask:
 Leroy Eason who broke his heart and why he was absent the next day?

Betty if she doesn't think the "peeper" was mistaken about her falling for a certain Junior's line?

Jane whom she went with one Tuesday night?

Lloyd Vick if he likes to take pictures?

Nadine what was so funny in book-keeping class?

Phyllis what she thinks about a certain McMurry Soph?

Sis how she likes to be "called down" in court?

JUNIOR NEWS.

Janelle Black led the Junior class again this month with an average of 94. Fredia Farmer and Frances Higgins tied for the second highest with an average of 93.

The Juniors would like to let you in on a secret—you do not have to go to the Queen theatre to see "Cain and Mabel" just to see beautiful limbs. Just come up to Merkel High and get a squint of T. L. Reid as he attends classes with his breeches legs rolled above his knees. Beware of this cold weather. T. L., you are liable to catch your death of dampness.

We wonder—

Why Lucy Faye was so mad she trembled?

Who hit Rebecca?

Whom Lindsey walks to school with sometime?

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Ask:

Billie Wood whom he was seen with last Monday night?

Dorrie Lee which "little Freshman girl" is jealous of her?

Joyce Fulton what "Senior" she is always going kodaking with?

Don Warren why he likes to go to church on Sunday night? (Ask M. L. F. and you might find out quicker.)

Pearl M. what vision she had?

Clyde S. why he picks on "Fish"?

Mildred B. why she is so timid?

Comora whom she is mean to in Home Eco?

Verne who blacked her eye?

Mary Jo R. what she thought about a certain Senior coming to the party on Tuesday night late?

Griffin what the attraction at Noodle is?

Joyce Hayes who came after her Tuesday night?

The Sophs are still alive and they are mean as ever. Who knows—we may also be the best.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics club met Thursday, Jan. 28, for the first time since examinations. The house was called to order by the president, LaVerne Hughes. The minutes were read and the roll was called by Nadine Clack, the secretary. A short program

was given: "Care of the Eyes," Betty Grimes; "Care of the Hair," Ina Mae Berryman; "Care of the Lips," Sis Gamble. There were reports from all the committees. The programs are all planned for future meetings, the entertainments have been decided upon, the decoration committee has an idea for the decorations it will use, the refreshment committee has also decided upon the refreshments to be served at each entertainment. All in all, the Home Economics club is progressing quite rapidly. Next month, February, they are planning to have a Valentine party since that is the month when it is so easy to mend broken hearts or get new ones. Good luck to you girls! We hope you get someone for your Valentine!

PERSONALITIES.

L. B. Gibson.

Merkel High school has had L. B. as a pupil for four years. During this time he has been in several clubs including the Spanish club, Glee club, F. F. A. club, and the Senior Boys club. He also came out for basketball one year. L. B. is a favorite among his friends. L. B.'s ambition is to become a vocational agriculture teacher. Luck to you!

Lavena Douglas.

This makes Lavena's fifth year in Merkel High. She has been in the Dramatic club two years, Home Economics club, and the Senior Girls club. After graduating from High school, she has the ambition to be a nurse. Lavena—we hope your ambition will be realized!

LIGHTER MOMENTS.

The Home Economics class was discussing personalities. Someone mentioned Mrs. Roosevelt.

"What's outstanding about her?" asked Miss Cleveland.

All was quiet for a minute, then the silence was broken with—"Her teeth."

A question on a third year English exam ran something as follows:

"Name four ways to develop better paragraphs."

Dick West, never one to labor under absence of inspiration, wrote:

1. Get a pencil.
2. Get some paper.
3. Think of something to write.
4. Start writing.

A student in history class mentioned an incident concerning the flood and four men in a boat.

He said that the police were ordered to pick the men up, who were drunk.

"Yeah," remarked Mr. Coffman, "I'll bet they were sitting in that boat singing, 'How Dry I Am?'"

"THRU THE KEYHOLE."

(By the Peeper.)

Sis and Frances are really a cute couple—especially when they get out on the school ground and do the "square" to the tune of "Plenty of Money and You."

Mr. Coffman is really giving everyone lots of bother. He drags everyone from their classes to pick up paper off the study hall floor. Next, he found a story note from Verne (?) to Herbert (?) and read it out loud to his study hall. It expressed her love and admiration for him and, truly, it made you feel just the opposite of that time when you were expecting a letter and didn't get one.

Miss Martin is certainly a great help—but not to Roy. The other day Roy posted a bill in the hall that said, "Ask Fannelle what Frances said she didn't want a 'peeping' crack at." The Freshmen were all excited as they have never experienced such before. Miss Martin, always a pal to

everyone, removed the awful old bill and now everything's okey doak. Course Roy was a little disappointed but I know the Juniors who were awfully worried about their names being seen in public places.

You know, at first, I was sort of, well—not disappointed but something on that order about Mr. Collinsworth. Oh, yes, he's tall, dark, and handsome; I knew that from the start, and then he came up and taught us how to work a garden in Home Economics, and I got a little better acquainted with him. But, I just found out today that he can play a trumpet too! I'd hardly be able to tell the difference between him and Louis Armstrong. Isn't that just adorable—Oh, boy!

Well, I certainly didn't know that the 1915 styles of fixing hair were coming back, but they evidently are cause a certain, certain, brunette, with brown eyes, that works in the office, is wearing bangs. Shirley Temple will probably be wearing them, I guess, in her next picture.

Phyllis got a letter—Phyllis got a letter—Yeah! she didn't tell anyone who from, but these keyholes sure do come in handy—try 'em sometimes. It was from a tall country boy with flashing eyes and a mouth that looks like Carlsbad Cavern! I'm just itching to tell whom it's from but, I've got to look out for myself, you know.

"Love, what are you doing to my heart?" That's Leroy Eason singing a bass solo to his lady-love, Robbie. He goes to see her and she turns him from her door. (Robbie what will power you do have!) You shouldn't do the poor boy like that, Robbie. He's all down and out this week and he's looking thinner ever day. Have a heart, gal!

Some girls can't seem to take a ribbing in the local "Scandal" column. We are sorry because we expected to get sporting responses. I heard they even accused Frances of doing the dirt—she didn't, I did—proof enough.

LOCALS.

Murphy walked to school with Betty Jo last Wed. a. m.—Better watch out, Grace.

Mr. Coffman—the official "Cleaner-upper"—called two Juniors and a few Sophs out of their classes Tues-

day to make them pick up paper off the floor in the study hall.

Mr. Crain and his band certainly make an addition to the Merkel High school.

Miss Cleveland thinks that trailers were invented for school teachers—since they have such a hard time finding a place to stay.

Mr. Rudd is all swelled up—no, not his head—but his jaw. It's a pesky old wisdom tooth bothering him. He even tried to trade me his tooth for my cold but I 'lowed as how I was getting cheated and so the trade didn't go thru.

Miss Evelyn Gieger, a blond Jean Harlow, was escorted to the theatre last Wed. evening by Mr. Miller Patton. What a match! It certainly is a pity that the seats each have arms on them. Wonder if she bruised any ribs on them?

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So we sang awhile, then ate awhile, then sang for about two whiles. We had visitors from Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Trent and other places, had the new books and a brand new piano furnished by Mr. W. W. Wood, and it certainly is a dandy. So, if any one should want anything in the music line, a stringed instrument, a band horn of any kind, a real piano, or even sheet music, no need to go to Abilene on the east or Anson on the north, Sweetwater on west or Blair on the south. Mr. Wood has it ready for you on Main street in Merkel and is ready to serve you.

Our next singing goes to Noodle and it will be the Fifth Sunday in May. So just meet us over there and we will show you a real day of entertainment in a musical way.

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"College Holiday" in the main is a story of a pair of loony cultists who

turn a fashionable coast hotel topsy-turvy trying to find out if it is possible to select mates scientifically. Gracie Allen is in charge of the experiment. It is Benny's task to rescue the hotel from bankruptcy and keep the cultists as happy as possible. Miss Boland and Girardot are the heads of the cult and Miss Hunt and Erickson supply the principal love interest.

The new film is lavishly produced and staged and boasts of five new tunes of hit proportions from the pens of Ralph Rainger and Leo Robin, and Bert Lane and Ralph Freed. These include "Sweetheart Waltz," "A Rhyme for Love," "I Adore You," "So

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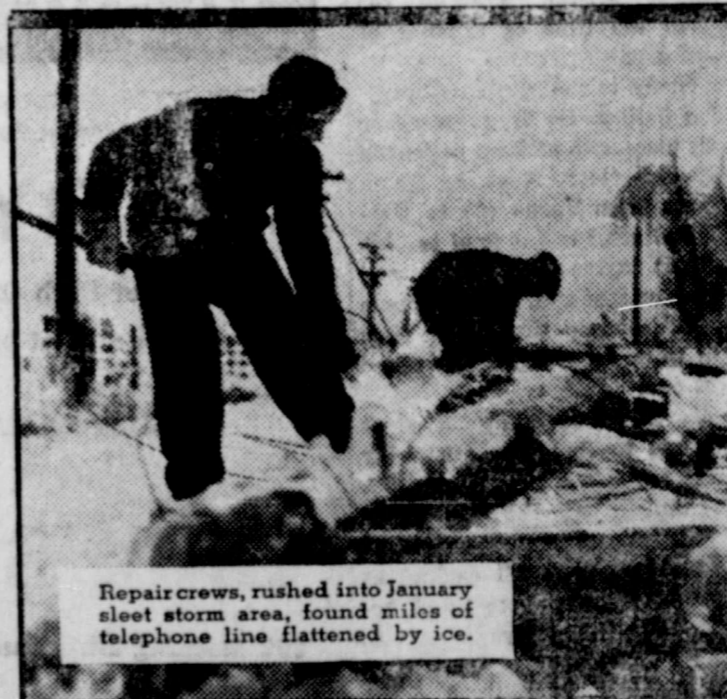
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FOR SALE—Cord wood, \$2.00 per cord on ground. Star Hardware Co., Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE two good cream separators, new oil ranges; can use some good milk cows; will pay cash difference. City Furniture, Joe Garland, Prop.

FOR SALE—4 young mares, two young horses and two smooth-mouthed horses. J. L. McAninch at Barron Motor Co.

FOR SALE—5 head of good mules. Case beam-hitch planter, Buckeye two-row cultivator, broad-tired wagon; also mare to trade for heifer. Naylor Eoff, Noodle, Texas.

SEE me before you sell your maize, grain or cottonseed; top prices paid at all times at your place or on car. Paul Douglas.

FOR SALE—Twenty head of good young mares and horses; broken to work. Pierce Horton.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. See Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Good used Buick car. See George White at Grable Motor company.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Several Jersey heifers, start calving in April; some good milk cows, one double row planter, Philco auto radio for '35 model Ford. Clesby Patterson.

WANTED

NOTICE—All accounts and notes due Hughes Motor Co. may be paid to Grable Motor Company, successors to Hughes Motor Co.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable 101st Judicial District Court of Texas in and for Dallas county, on the 22nd day of January, 1937, in the case of Home Owners' Loan Corporation versus G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, No. 24750-E, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 26th day of January, A. D. 1937, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1937, it being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door of Taylor county, Texas, in the city of Abilene, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, had on the 18th day of July, A. D. 1934, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: situated in Taylor county, state of Texas; Lot 12, Block 4, Park Heights addition to the city of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, described in a deed dated April 4, 1928, recorded in volume 202, page 379, deed records of Taylor county, Texas.

Said property being levied on as the property of said above named persons and will be sold to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,839.74 against G. C. Douglass, together with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the 21st day of December, 1936, in favor of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and costs of court and the further costs of executing this writ.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, A. D. 1937.
Sid H. McAdams, Sheriff,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Wade Willis, Deputy.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell Re-Enters Grocery Business in Merkel

Negotiations were completed the latter part of last week whereby Mrs. W. W. Campbell re-entered the grocery business here with the purchase of the McDonald grocery from Mrs. J. H. McDonald, the owner, effective Feb. 1.

Retiring from the grocery business last year when she disposed of her interests to her son, Tracy, who closed out the store here and opened for business in Lamesa last fall, Mrs. Campbell needs no introduction to the people of Merkel. Associated with her will be Raymond Wilson, Joe Cybert and J. Campbell, the latter in charge of the market department.

It is announced that Folger's coffee and Wolf Brand hot tamales and chili will be served free all day Saturday at the Campbell grocery and market.

"In retiring from the grocery business because of my health," said Mrs. McDonald, "I wish to express my sincere thanks to loyal patrons and friends who through many years have favored us with their business, at the same time bespeaking a continuance of your business with the new owners." Mrs. McDonald will, of course, continue to make her home here.

OTHER BUSINESS CHANGES.

Among other business changes noted here the first of February was the opening of the Grable Motor company, with John Grable at the head, as successor to the Hughes Motor company, authorized Chevrolet sales and service. Mr. Hughes having removed to Abilene as half owner and general manager of the Hughes Motor company, operating the Ford dealership there.

F. E. Church leased the Baker rock garage on Front street, which has recently undergone complete repairs, for his used car and service departments.

NEW CONCERNS.

Manual G. Curtis, formerly of Anson, is being welcomed as a new business concern here, having opened a watch and jewelry repairing department in the Vick Drug store. He and his wife have an apartment with Mrs. W. M. O'Brian.

With all new and modern equipment Claude Dye announces the opening of his hel'ly-silly laundry in South Merkel, six blocks south on Oak street and one-half block west.

BLAIR ITEMS

The main thing to say about the weather since our last report is that a new cold wave with rain reached this vicinity over the week-end. The wind sprang up from the north Monday morning, and on all small grain

crops the cold weather has had the effect of cutting down the value of their pasturage.

It was with great sorrow that this community learned that D. J. Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Neill of the I. X. L. community, had died. He was a young man of sterling character, a promising young minister of the gospel. Tenderest sympathy is extended to those who have been so tragically bereaved.

Mrs. Curb of Merkel was the interesting guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent were visitors recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors.

Rev. Roy Anding, pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 7. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks entertained relatives from Hamilton Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Sherman of Merkel and granddaughters, the three attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cogburn of Fort Worth, were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell entertained a large group of friends in their home with a social on Friday night, Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Des Moore of Ty visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis of the Divide were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maddera Sunday.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing convention at Butman Sunday despite the unfavorable weather. Some good singers were present and the occasion was much enjoyed by those who were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and sons visited relatives at Caps the past week.

Mrs. Lula Walker of Abilene visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, the past week-end.

Mrs. Thelma Thomas visited relatives at Nola the past week.

Howard Windham motored over to San Angelo the past Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Nell Pruitt.

Home-Coming Day at Zion Chapel Church

Zion Chapel Presbyterian church held a rally and home-coming day Thursday, Jan. 28. The service began in the morning with Rev. Mr. Cleveland of Abilene, the Sunday School missionary, in charge. Rev. Mr. Spival of Snyder brought the 11 o'clock message. After lunch Rev. Mr. Nunn of Post gave an address followed by Rev.

Mr. Rogan of Stamford on "How to Study the Bible."

After supper Rev. G. H. Markley of Breckenridge preached on "Life," followed by Rev. E. B. Surface of Abilene, who brought a forceful message on "The New Birth." Miss Markley of Breckenridge sang several numbers. She is a gifted singer and is regularly heard over KRBC, Abilene.

Lunch and dinner were served at the church by the ladies of the community.

The following out-of-town visitors were present; Rev. and Mrs. Cleveland, Rev. E. B. Surface, Abilene; Rev. Spival of Snyder, Rev. Nunn of Post, Rev. Rogan of Stamford, Rev. G. H. Markley and daughter, Miss Markley, of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allred and son, William, of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Spargin of Trent, Mrs. Thurman Orsborn and Mrs. Orph Orsborn of Hamlin, Mrs. Grace Stout of Merkel, Mrs. Jack Lanier and daughter, Doris Jean, of McKinney.

Merkel Boys Win Judging Contest

The Merkel High School FFA judging team, composed of Morris Clack, Woodrow Clark and Norman King, won first place in poultry judging at the recent Tuscola show. Clark was the high point man in the meet.

Entrants answered 50 questions on production and judged one class of white eggs, two classes of barred Plymouth eggs, two classes of white Leghorn and two classes of Rhode Island Reds.

Second place in the contest was won

by the Abilene High school. C. H. Colingsworth is sponsor for the Merkel FFA, and J. J. Moore supervises work in Abilene.

Girl Scouts Planning Another Gift Package

Due to a ball game at the Grammar school on Wednesday, Jan. 27, the Pine Tree troop of Girl Scouts met Friday, Jan. 29. The meeting opened with a singsong, and the remainder of the time was devoted to a game ("stunts") contest on the Morse code and to a thorough explanation of the compass.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the following program was given: song, "America," by the troop; talk, "Health," by the captain; observation test (through the five senses), by the troop; Girl Scout Circle, by the troop.

The following girls passed the observation test: Dora Gaither, Tommy Grimes, Sue Grimes, Dorothy Shannon, Doris Clyde Miller, Evelyn Sears. The girls are getting another gift package ready for appreciative children. Dora Gaither and Sue Grimes have completed their maps of the city of Merkel.

Use The Mail Want Ads

In Austin to Argue Hearing on Appeal In Mitchell Case

District Attorney J. R. Black, who led the prosecution in the trial of Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro convicted of murder by a 42nd district court jury, was in Austin Wednesday to

argue the case for the state on the hearing on appeal in the court of criminal appeals.

Mitchell was sentenced to death early Sunday morning, May 11, 1936, on conviction of the murder of Chester C. Hutcheson, Merkel city marshal, and has been held in the Huntsville penitentiary since early in the summer.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Special

1—36 Oldsmobile "8" Four Door Sedan, like new \$685.00

1—1928 Chevrolet Truck, A-1 shape \$95.00

Also have 37 G. M. C. Pickups and Trucks on display

Tom's Wrecking Yard

T. L. KERNS

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SOUP SALE

FEB. 5 THROUGH FEB. 13

Red & White Ready to Serve Soup	Red & White Condensed Soup
16 oz. can, 5 for 73c	No. 1 can, 5 for 49c
1 Can FREE	1 Can FREE

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEB. 5-6

Spuds, 10 pounds 39c	Red and White Potted Meat, 4 cans 15c
Grapefruit, doz. 35c	Red and White Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 22c
Carrots, Beets, Onions, Mustard and Radishes, 3 bunches 10c	Cut Green Beans, No. 2 can 10c
Apples, Winesap, each 1c	Blue and White Peas, No. 2 can 15c
Oranges, Texas, doz. 25c	Broken Slice Pineapple, No. 2 can 15c
Supreme Salad Wafers, lb. 17c	Red and White Asparagus Tips, No. 1 can 16c
Dried Prunes, 2 pounds 29c	Early Riser Coffee, pound 19c
Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 17c	Small Super-Suds, pkg. 9c
Sun Spun Salad Dressing, pint 22c	Crystal White Soap, 6 bars 25c
Ever Fresh Prunes, No. 1 can 10c	Shortening, 4 lb. carton 57c
Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 55c	Sliced Bacon, pound 29c
	Bulk Sausage, 2 pounds 25c
	Cheese, pound 25c

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler opened her home Tuesday afternoon to members of the Fortnightly Study club. Mrs. Twyman Collins was elected to membership. The club subscribed \$5.00 to the Red Cross Flood Relief. Mesdames Tom Warren, Clyde Smith and W. T. Sadler answered roll call with current event topics. The program, for which Miss Julia Martin was leader, came under the head of "Business and Professional Women." Miss Martin discussed the different phases: (a) "The Woman Teacher;" (b) "Her Income;" (c) "Her Problems, Social and Economic." Interesting careers of women were enumerated at length by Mrs. Byers Petty.

Members present were Mesdames Self, Cox, Petty, Largent, Sadler, Wilhite, Booth, West, Swann, Warren, Smith, Brown, Burgess, Durham, Gamble, McFarland, Misses Christine Collins and Julia Martin.

TINY-TOTS PARTY.

Mrs. W. W. Haynes entertained on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27, for her little daughter, Helen, celebrating her fourth birthday. The little honoree received many dainty gifts and, after these had been admired, the hostess was assisted by Miss Sarah Sheppard in arranging games and taking kodak pictures for the entertainment of the little guests.

A color theme of pink and white made the refreshment table especially attractive where the birthday cake was cut and served with Spanish cream gelatine with whistles as individual favors. Those present were Helen Haynes, Tiny and Y. E. Brown, Sandra Sadler, Marilyn Petty, Joyce McGehee, Sue Mayfield, Marion Dunn, Anne Booth, Bobby Lawson, Billy Mae Sheppard, Creta Key Case, Gene Acton Jowers, Allan Hamm, Patsy Swann, Dorothy Nell, Lora Pearl and Wayne Haynes, Miss Sarah Sheppard, Mrs. Milton Case, Mrs. E. H. Jowers and the hostess.

ALL-DAY MEETING.

Members of the woman's missionary society of the First Baptist church enjoyed an all-day meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Mrs. J. C. Childress taught the book on "Things We Should Know," and a business meeting was held after noon. A covered dish lunch was served. Those present were Mesdames Sam Swann, J. S. Swann, Charlie West, C. R. Joyner, W. L. Johnson, J. C. Childress, O. R. Dye, Clyde Deavers, Byers Petty, J. T. Warren, T. E. Collins, J. L. Winter, Joe P. Self and Earl Teague.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club, at their meeting Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Harry Barnett, voted to donate \$10.00 to the flood relief fund of the American Red Cross, which was forwarded to the Taylor County Red Cross chapter through the Merkel Mail. Nine visitors were present.

An interesting talk on parliamentary rules was given by Mrs. Johnny Cox. Mrs. Carl Bonneaux discussed features of club work, also giving a reading. Piano numbers by Miss Norma Patton



3. TO MAKE A LONG TALE SHORT.

a friend of ours was arrested for speeding, but the Judge remitted the fine when our friend told him why. "Judge," he said, "my wife's mother said she was going home, and I wanted to get her there before she changed her mind." He might also have told His Honor that he was driving one of our used cars, and that it was running so smoothly he didn't realize how fast he was going.

THESE WILL "STEP" RIGHT ALONG:

1933 Ford Sedan \$250.00
1936 Chevrolet Master Coupe \$585.00

CHURCH MOTOR CO.
DESOTO PLYMOUTH
(To be continued next week.)

were enjoyed. Mrs. Watt Blair's subject was "Poultry."

Guests present were: Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton, Mesdames Kenneth Pee, Carl Bonneaux, J. R. Barnett, Myrtle Barnett, Johnny Cox, George L. White, George Moore; members present, Mesdames John Hughes, F. A. Polley, V. B. Sublett, Joe F. Self, A. D. Barnes, L. J. Renfro, J. Ben Campbell, Watt Blair, Clyde Shouse, C. P. Church, Harry Barnett, Bob McDonald, and three new members: Mesdames W. R. Williams, Dent Gibson and J. W. Bryan.

Pensions Are Paid to 113,000 During Year

Austin, Feb. 4.—Orville S. Carpenter, acting director, said Tuesday the old age pension commission had made payments to 113,000 aged persons since Feb. 14, 1936.

This is more than one-half the number who made application for assistance and more than double estimated recipients when the pension law became operative.

Gradual reductions through re-investigation and changes of status over a period of seven months reduced the rolls to 93,126 in January, Carpenter said.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. Quiney Traylor of Noodle, first patient for major surgery in the New Merkel hospital, was reported resting well following an appendix operation Sunday.

Harold Boney, who has been manager of the Reid Variety store at Clyde, has purchased the business there, which will be operated in future as Boney's Variety store. Harold's many friends here wish him much success in entering the business world for himself.

Mrs. Chester Hutchesson has accepted a position as deputy in the office of County Clerk Vivian Fryar, adding further to Merkel's splendid representation in the court house family.

FOR STUDENTS.

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Mail Classified Ad for Results.

DOES BLADDER IRRITATION WAKE YOU UP?

It's not normal. It's nature's warning. "Danger Ahead." Make this 25c test. Use buchu leaves, juniper oil, and 6 other drugs made into little green tablets, to flush out excess acids and impurities. Excess acids can cause irritation resulting in getting up nights, scanty flow, frequent desire, burning, backache, and leg pains. Just say Bukets to your druggist. In four days if not pleased your 25c will be refunded. Merkel Drug Co.

R & R Texas
Sweetwater
"West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday
"Pennies From Heaven"
With Bing Crosby, Madge Evans

Sunday-Monday
William Powell, Myrna Loy in
"After the Thin Man"

Tuesday-Wednesday
Deanna Durbin, Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady in
"Three Smart Girls"

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"The Garden of Allah"
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Friday-Saturday
"The Three Mesquiteers"
With Bob Livingston, Ray Corrigan, Syd Taylor

FLOWERS

For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Drizzling rain and threatening weather again interfered with Sunday School attendance last Sunday, the total from six Sunday Schools being reported as 481. On the previous Sunday 557 were present, while on the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 551.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Special music at morning hour. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6:15 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:50 p. m. Midweek prayer service each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
We appreciate your co-operation in all services.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. W. M. S. meets at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to our services.
E. B. Early, Pastor.

"Bookie" Licensing Proposed.
Austin, Feb. 4.—State licensing of book-makers on horse races was proposed Monday by Representatives Alfred Petch of Fredericksburg, A. E. Amor of Fort Worth, J. M. Hefflin of Houston and E. H. Thornton of Galveston.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

QUEEN THEATRE
Merkel, Phone 248
"Always Warm and Comfortable"

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
BERT WHEELER and ROBERT WOOLSEY in
"MUMMY'S BOYS"
Added: Mickey Mouse Cartoon and Two-Reel Comedy Also "Ace Drummond" No. 5

SATURDAY PREVUE, 11 P. M., MONDAY-TUESDAY
"COLLEGE HOLIDAY"
With Martha "O'Boy" Raye, Jack Benny and Burns and Allen—Also Selected Short Subjects

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
"ISLE OF FURY"
With Humphrey Bogart, Margaret Lindsay and Donald Woods—Added: Two-Reel Comedy and Short Subject

DON'T FORGET THURSDAY NIGHT

ANNOUNCING

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6 BLOCKS SOUTH ON OAK STREET AND ONE-HALF BLOCK WEST
ALL NEW AND MODERN EQUIPMENT

PERSONALS

Rev. W. H. Martin of Stamford administered holy communion in the home of Miss Dota Garoutte Friday.

W. F. Brown and Mack Loftis of Lakeview, Texas, spent Sunday night in the home of E. M. Tarpley of Noodle. Mr. Brown is a brother of Mrs. Tarpley, while Mr. Loftis is her nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson and little daughter, Iris, are leaving for California where they will make their home.

After a visit of several weeks with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. R. E. Neal and little daughter, Margaret Rebecca, left Saturday morning for their home at Hugo, Okla.

Mrs. Ray King of Monahans is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Sr.

Clarence Williams, formerly of Merkel but who is now living in Waco, stopped over a few hours here Saturday afternoon on his return trip from Colorado. He is employed by the Lankhart Cottonseed firm in Waco and makes truck deliveries to various points.

Jerome Hutchesson, who has been located at Des Moines, Iowa, for sometime, arrived Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutchesson. He has just been transferred to Cincinnati, O., but will await here until flood conditions subside before leaving for his new home. Jackson E. Parker of Midland spent

Tuesday afternoon with his daughter, Jean Parker, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mrs. J. M. Dry is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer, in Clarksville.

R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, was in Fort Worth last week-end to attend the annual Frigidaire convention.

Winston Polley left Tuesday night for Eagle Pass where he will be employed over radio station XEPN.

Out of gas or got a flat? Phone 245. We hurry.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

IN NEW LOCATION

I have moved my Barber Shop to new location on Kent Street, next door to Black's Radio Shop.

Big Welcome to my Old Customers as well as to new ones.

FLOYD McCOY'S BARBER SHOP

ELI CASE & SON GROCERY & MARKET
Phone 234 Prompt Service

Lettuce, 2 heads	9c	Bananas large yellow fruit	Dozen	15c
Celery, lrg. bunches	15	Oranges med. size	Dozen	15c
Carrots or Beets, each 5		Apples Winesaps	2 dozen	25c
Fresh Tomatoes, 3 lbs	25	Grapefruit large size	6 for	25c
Green Beans, 2 lbs.	25c			
New Potatoes, lb.	5c			
Cabbage, per lb.	4c			
Yams, per pound	6c			
Spuds, No. 1's, 10 lbs	43c			
Fresh Cocoanuts,	10c			
Cranberries quart	23c			
Bell Peppers, lb.	10c			

Maxwell House Coffee, 3 pounds	79c
Brooms, a dandy value, each	19c
Shortening, 8 pound carton	\$1.04
Jello, all flavors, per package	5c

P & G Soap	6 bars	23c	Crackers, A-1, 2 lbs.	19c
Oxydol	4 lb. 2 oz. Pkg.	63c	Peanut Butter	2 lb. qt. jar 29
Camay Soap	3 bars	19c	K. C., 50 ounce can	29c
			Jersey Bran Flakes	10c
			Corn Flakes, pkg.	10c
			Corn, No. 2 can	10c
			Sugar pure cane	10 lb 55
			Prunes, 2 lbs.	15c

Milk, baby size, 7 cans for	25c
Pickles, sour or dills, large jars	15c
Flour, Armyllis, 48 lbs.	\$1.90
Salmons, tall cans, each	10c

Fresh Cat Fish, Oysters, Buttermilk, Sweet Milk and Whipping Cream	Lb.	12c		
Oleo, all sweet, lb.	20c	Steak Chuck	Lb.	17c
Chili, home made, lb.	20c	Sausage extra good	Lb.	15c
Liver, pound	15c	Brains pork	Lb.	20c
Cheese, Longhorn, lb	23			
Hams half or whole lb	29			
Hamburger Meat, lb	15			
Round Steak, lb.	23c			
Sliced Bacon, lb.	28c			